approved only on 22.3.88, the name of the society did not find a place in the list of 400 societies.

The criteria adopted for preparation of seniority list in August, 90 was challenged by a number of Cooperative Group Housing Societies in the Delhi High Court. The High Court vide its judgement dated 10.5.91 queshed the list prepared in August, 90 and directed *inter alia,* for preparation of a fresh list of 400 societies taking date of registration as criteria for seniority for allotment of land. Accordingly a fresh list of 400 societies was prepared according to their date of registration and sent to the DDA in June, 91. The registration number of last society which could find place in this list of June, 91 was 981. Since the registration number of Surya Kiran Group Housing Cooperative Society Ltd. was 1202 its name was not included in the list.

The decision of the High Court has since been challenged in the Supreme Court and the matter is sub-judice.

Lease hold System

3504. SHRI SHIVPRASAD CHANPURIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 15 given in the Rajya Sabha on 12th July, 1991 and state whether the details instructions regarding conversion of the leasehold land into freehold land have been issued so far; if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): No, Sir. Instructions have not been issued.

Encroachments in Loha Mandi, Naraina, Delhi

3505. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the menance caused by encroachments on the roads, footpaths in Loha Mandi, Naraina by the stockists of Iron and Steel merchants and other shopowners causing a great hardship and inconvenience to the road users and pedestrians, if so, what steps Government propose to take against the encroachers and to remove the encroachments; and

(b) whether Government propose to take legal action against those officials who are found resposible?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Municipal Corporation of Delhi has reported that the traders of Loha Mandi have encroached upon footpaths and roads in front of their shops by stacking heavy iron-plates, Girders, steel bars, heavy machines and foods etc. which cannot be removed by manual labour. Encroachers were warned by distributing hand bills and making announcement on loud-speakers to remove the encroachments at their own level. Meetings were also held and they were persuaded to cooperate with MCD in proper maintenance of the roads. Enforcement staff also took removal action and seized some heavy iron material with the help of local police/traffic police. But it did not produce desired results. Removal of this material without cranes is difficult. MCD is now exploring the possibility of getting the encroachers prosecuted by the Police Department under the Delhi Police Act and Delhi Municipal Corporation Act,. M.C.D. has denied involvement of its officials.

Encroachments in Shahdra Zone, Delhi

3506. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the menace caused by encroachments of the roads/by lanes etc. in Rohtash Nagar, Naveen Shahdara, Pancheel Garden and Subhash Park and adjoining colonies of Shahdara Zone of Delhi by the stockists of building materials, dairy owners, automobile repairers causing a great hardship and inconvenience to the users of roads if so the number of such cases booked during the last six months;

(b) what measures Government propose to take to remove the encroachments; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to prevent such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) Yes. Sir. Municipal Corporation of Delhi has reported that this is a continuing problem. As and when encroachments detected, action under Section 321 and 322 of the DMC Act is taken to remove the encroachment in these colonies. Help of the police is also obtainec in clearing these encroachments where certain difficulties are encountered. No record of these encroachments is kept by the M.C.D.

Allotment of General Pool Accommodation to Political and Social Organisations

3507. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the accommodation has been allotted from General Pool to some political and social organisations; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof alongwith the date of allotment and rent or fees fixed for the purpose and arrears of rent or fee due from them in the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The niformation is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Development of Hyderabad

3508. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested for financial assistance of Rs. 400 crores for the development of Hyderabad city on the eve of its 400th anniversery; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) No such formal request has been received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh. However, in September, 1990, representations from the Mayor of Hyderabad for Central assistance to take up certain development works in the city of Hyderabad to commemorate its 400 years and for release of atleast Rs. 100 crores as non-plan grant was forwarded to the Government of India by the then Minister of Labour and Welfare, Andhra Pradesh. The request was examined and reply was sent indicating that the nature of works in the representation fell within the purview of the functions of the local authority and the funds for this purpose would have to be found only from the sources of the local authority or the State Govt. and that there were no discretionary funds available with the Govt. of India for sanctioning any special assistance to the State Govts. for such works to be undertaken by the Municipalities.

The Hyderabad Habitat Improvement Project Phase III funded by the Govt. of UK is presently being implemented in Hyderabad at a cost of Rs. 35.34 crores covering about 300 slums.

नगर पालिका के स्तर पर मास्टर प्लान

3509. **श्री सुरेन्द्र सिंह ठाकुर:** क्या शहरी विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार नगरपालिकाओं के स्तर पर भावी विकास आवश्यकताओं को पूरा करने के लिए मास्टर प्लान बनाये जाने के किसी प्रस्ताव पर विचार कर रही है ; यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और क्या इस सम्बन्ध में राज्य सरकारों को कोई अनुदेश जारी किये जा चुके हैं; और

(ख) ऐसे प्लान तैयार किए जाते समय ध्यान में रखी जाने वाली नागरिक आवश्यकताओं का ब्यौरा क्या है ?